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Introduced by M. of A. PEOPLES-STOKES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the cannabis law, in relation to medical use cannabis; and to repeal article 33-A of the public health law relating to the controlled substances therapeutic research act

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 44 and 45 of section 3 of the cannabis law are  
2 amended and a new subdivision 45 is added to read as follows:

3 ~~44. ["Registry application" means an application properly completed~~  
4 ~~and filed with the board by a certified patient under article three of~~  
5 ~~this chapter.~~

6 ~~45. "Registry identification card"] "Registration" means [a document~~  
7 ~~that identifies] identifying information of a certified patient or~~  
8 ~~designated caregiver that is electronically filed by a practitioner and~~  
9 ~~confirmed by a registered organization or designated caregiver facility,~~  
10 ~~as provided under this chapter and as determined by the board in regu-~~  
11 ~~lation.~~

12 45. "Registry application" means an application properly completed and  
13 filed with the office by a designated caregiver under article three of  
14 this chapter.

15 § 2. Subdivisions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of section 30 of the canna-  
16 bis law are amended to read as follows:

17 ~~4. [Every practitioner shall consult the prescription monitoring~~  
18 ~~program registry prior to making or issuing a certification, for the~~  
19 ~~purpose of reviewing a patient's controlled substance history. For~~  
20 ~~purposes of this section, a practitioner may authorize a designee to~~  
21 ~~consult the prescription monitoring program registry on his or her~~  
22 ~~behalf, provided that such designation is in accordance with section~~  
23 ~~thirty-three hundred forty-three-a of the public health law.~~

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 ~~5.]~~ The practitioner shall give the certification to the certified  
2 patient or the certified patient's designated caregiver, and place a  
3 copy in the patient's health care record. Such certification shall  
4 include information sufficient for a registered organization to confirm  
5 that the certification is valid in accordance with section thirty-two of  
6 this article and as determined by the board in regulation. The board  
7 may, by rules and regulations, establish a code, including but not  
8 limited to quick response (QR) code, for each practitioner to provide a  
9 certified patient or their designated caregiver with, to present to a  
10 registered organization to obtain medical cannabis or medical cannabis  
11 products from a registered organization.

12 ~~[6.]~~ 5. No practitioner shall issue a certification under this section  
13 for themselves.

14 ~~[7.]~~ 6. A ~~[registry identification card based on a]~~ certification  
15 shall expire ~~[one year]~~ two years after the date the certification is  
16 signed by the practitioner, except as provided for in subdivision  
17 ~~[eight]~~ seven of this section.

18 ~~[8.]~~ 7. (a) ~~[If the]~~ The practitioner ~~[states]~~ may state in the  
19 certification that, in the practitioner's professional opinion, the  
20 patient would benefit from medical cannabis only until a specified  
21 earlier date, ~~[then the registry identification card shall expire on~~  
22 ~~that date]~~ upon which the certification shall expire; (b) ~~[if the prac-~~  
23 ~~titioner states in the certification that in the practitioner's profes-~~  
24 ~~sional opinion the patient is terminally ill and that the certification~~  
25 ~~shall not expire until the patient dies, then the registry identifica-~~  
26 ~~tion card shall state that the patient is terminally ill and that the~~  
27 ~~registration card shall not expire until the patient dies]~~ the practi-  
28 tioner may state on the certification that the patient is terminally ill  
29 and the certification will not expire until the patient dies; (c) ~~[if]~~  
30 the practitioner ~~[re-issues]~~ may reissue the certification to terminate  
31 the certification on an earlier date~~[, then the registry identification~~  
32 ~~card shall expire on that date and shall be promptly destroyed by the~~  
33 ~~certified patient]~~; (d) ~~[if]~~ the certification ~~[so provides, the regis-~~  
34 ~~try identification card shall]~~ may state any recommendation or limita-  
35 tion by the practitioner as to the form or forms of medical cannabis or  
36 dosage for the certified patient; ~~[and]~~ (e) a practitioner may extend  
37 the expiration date of a certification prior to the certification's  
38 expiration; (f) if a certification has expired and the practitioner  
39 determines that the patient would benefit from medical cannabis, the  
40 certification shall be reissued; and (g) the board shall make regu-  
41 lations to implement this subdivision.

42 ~~[9. (a) A certification may be a special certification if, in addition~~  
43 ~~to the other requirements for a certification, the practitioner certi-~~  
44 ~~fies in the certification that the patient's condition is progressive~~  
45 ~~and degenerative or that delay in the patient's certified medical use of~~  
46 ~~cannabis poses a risk to the patient's life or health.~~

47 ~~(b) The office shall create the form to be used for a special certif-~~  
48 ~~ication and shall make that form available to be downloaded from the~~  
49 ~~office's website.~~

50 ~~10.]~~ 8. Prior to issuing a certification a practitioner must  
51 complete~~[, at a minimum, a two-hour course]~~ appropriate training as  
52 determined by the board in regulation. For the purposes of this article  
53 a person's status as a practitioner is deemed to be a "license" for the  
54 purposes of section thirty-three hundred ninety of the public health law  
55 and shall be subject to the same revocation process.

1 § 3. Subdivisions 1 and 2 of section 31 of the cannabis law are  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. the cannabis or concentrated cannabis that may be possessed by a  
4 certified patient shall not exceed the greater of the quantities author-  
5 ized in section 222.05 of the penal law or a sixty-day supply, provided  
6 that during the last seven days of any sixty-day period, the certified  
7 patient may also possess up to such amount for the next sixty-day  
8 period [~~of the dosage determined by the practitioner~~], consistent with  
9 any guidance and regulations issued by the board[, ~~provided that during~~  
10 ~~the last seven days of any sixty-day period, the certified patient may~~  
11 ~~also possess up to such amount for the next sixty-day period~~];

12 2. the cannabis or concentrated cannabis that may be possessed by a  
13 designated [~~caregivers does~~] caregiver shall not exceed the greater of  
14 the quantities [~~referred to in subdivision one of this section for each~~  
15 ~~certified patient for whom the caregiver possesses a valid registry~~  
16 ~~identification card, up to four certified patients~~] authorized in  
17 section 222.05 of the penal law or a sixty-day supply for the certified  
18 patient, provided that during the last seven days of any sixty-day  
19 period, the certified patient may also possess up to such amount for  
20 the next sixty-day period;

21 § 4. Section 32 of the cannabis law is amended to read as follows:

22 § 32. [~~Registry identification cards~~] Validating medical cannabis  
23 certifications. 1. [~~Upon approval of the~~] When presented with a certifi-  
24 cation from a practitioner, [the office] registered organizations shall  
25 [~~issue registry identification cards for~~] confirm certifications and  
26 government-issued photo identifications, pursuant to subdivision four of  
27 section thirty of this article, of certified patients and designated  
28 caregivers upon the production of such documentation by the certified  
29 patient or designated caregiver as determined by the board in  
30 regulation. [~~A registry identification card shall expire as provided in~~  
31 ~~this article or as otherwise provided in this section. The office shall~~  
32 ~~begin issuing registry identification cards as soon as practicable after~~  
33 ~~the certifications required by this chapter are granted. The office may~~  
34 ~~specify a form for a registry application, in which case the office~~  
35 ~~shall provide the form on request, reproductions of the form may be~~  
36 ~~used, and the form shall be available for downloading from the board's~~  
37 ~~or office's website.~~]

38 2. [~~To obtain, amend or renew a registry identification card, a certi-~~  
39 ~~fied patient or designated caregiver shall file a registry application~~  
40 ~~with the office, unless otherwise exempted by the board in regulation.~~  
41 ~~The registry application or renewal application shall include:~~

- 42 (a) ~~in the case of a certified patient:~~
- 43 (i) ~~the patient's certification, a new written certification shall be~~  
44 ~~provided with a renewal application if required by the office;~~
  - 45 (ii) ~~the name, address, and date of birth of the patient;~~
  - 46 (iii) ~~the date of the certification;~~
  - 47 (iv) ~~if the patient has a registry identification card based on a~~  
48 ~~current valid certification, the registry identification number and~~  
49 ~~expiration date of that registry identification card;~~
  - 50 (v) ~~the specified date until which the patient would benefit from~~  
51 ~~medical cannabis, if the certification states such a date;~~
  - 52 (vi) ~~the name, address, and telephone number of the certifying practi-~~  
53 ~~tioner;~~
  - 54 (vii) ~~any recommendation or limitation by the practitioner as to the~~  
55 ~~form or forms of medical cannabis or dosage for the certified patient;~~

~~(viii) if the certified patient designates a designated caregiver, the name, address, and date of birth of the designated caregiver, and other individual identifying information required by the board;~~

~~(ix) if the designated caregiver is a cannabis research license holder under this chapter, the name of the organization conducting the research, the address, phone number, name of the individual leading the research or appropriate designee, and other identifying information required by the board; and~~

~~(x) other individual identifying information required by the office;~~

~~(b) in the case of a designated caregiver:~~

~~(i) the name, address, and date of birth of the designated caregiver;~~

~~(ii) if the designated caregiver has a registry identification card, the registry identification number and expiration date of that registry identification card; and~~

~~(iii) other individual identifying information required by the office;~~

~~(c) a statement that a false statement made in the application is punishable under section 210.45 of the penal law;~~

~~(d) the date of the application and the signature of the certified patient or designated caregiver, as the case may be;~~

~~(e) any other requirements determined by the board.]~~

Registered organizations shall validate patient certifications and designated caregiver registrations in a manner determined by the office. The authorized representative of a registered organization shall designate and authorize specific employees to conduct the validation.

(a) When dispensing medical cannabis, authorized registered organization employees shall not dispense any medical cannabis to a certified patient or a designated caregiver unless the certified patient or designated caregiver presents to the authorized registered organization employee a valid certification from a practitioner and a valid government-issued photo identification, which the authorized registered organization employee shall use to validate that such person is eighteen years of age or older and capable of consent as documented on the certification, provided that such valid government-issued photo identification is issued by the commissioner of motor vehicles, a local government agency within the state, the federal government, any United States territory, commonwealth or possession, the District of Columbia, a state government within the United States, or is a valid passport issued by the United States government or any other country, or is an identification card issued by the armed forces of the United States.

(b) The authorized representative of the registered organization shall promptly notify the office if at any time any unauthorized person accesses patient certification or designated caregiver data, if there is evidence of tampering or fraud, or any other circumstances as determined by the board in regulation.

2-a. A certified patient may designate a caregiver. The designation of the caregiver and registration of the caregiver shall be determined by the board in regulation. The designated caregiver application or renewal application shall include:

(a) the name, address, and date of birth of the designated caregiver, and other individual identifying information required by the board;

(b) the name and date of birth for each certified patient the designated caregiver is designated to care for;

(c) if the designated caregiver is a cannabis research license holder under this chapter, the name of the organization conducting the research, the address, phone number, name of the individual leading the

1 research or appropriate designee, and other identifying information  
2 required by the board;

3 (d) a statement that a false statement made in the application is  
4 punishable under section 210.45 of the penal law;

5 (e) the date of the application and the signature, which may be elec-  
6 tronic, of the designated caregiver; and

7 (f) upon approval of the designated caregiver application, the office  
8 shall provide the designated caregiver with a code, including but not  
9 limited to a quick response (QR) code, that the designated caregiver  
10 must present to the registered organization when obtaining medical  
11 cannabis product or products.

12 3. Where a certified patient is under the age of eighteen or otherwise  
13 incapable of consent:

14 (a) The [~~application for a registry identification card shall be made~~  
15 ~~by~~] certifying practitioner must obtain consent from the person [~~respon-~~  
16 ~~sible for making~~] legally authorized to make health care decisions [~~for~~  
17 ~~on behalf of~~] the patient for the use of medical cannabis product or  
18 products and any device used for its administration.

19 (b) At least one designated caregiver is required to be provided upon  
20 certification of the patient. The designated caregiver shall be: (i) a  
21 parent or legal guardian of the certified patient; (ii) a person desig-  
22 nated by a parent or legal guardian; (iii) an employee of a designated  
23 caregiver facility, including a cannabis research license holder; or  
24 (iv) an appropriate person approved by the office upon a sufficient  
25 showing that no parent or legal guardian is appropriate or available.

26 4. No person may be a designated caregiver if the person is under  
27 [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years of age unless a sufficient showing is made  
28 to the office that the person should be permitted to serve as a desig-  
29 nated caregiver. The requirements for such a showing shall be determined  
30 by the board.

31 5. No person may be a designated caregiver for more than four certi-  
32 fied patients at one time; provided, however, that this limitation shall  
33 not apply to a designated caregiver facility, or cannabis research  
34 license holder as defined by this chapter.

35 6. If a certified patient wishes to change or terminate [~~his or her~~]  
36 their designated caregiver, for whatever reason, the certified patient  
37 shall notify the office as soon as practicable. The office shall issue a  
38 notification in a manner determined by the office to the designated  
39 caregiver that their registration [~~card~~] is invalid and [~~must be~~] shall  
40 promptly [~~destroyed~~] remove such designated caregiver's registration  
41 from the registry. The newly designated caregiver must comply with all  
42 requirements set forth in this section.

43 7. [~~If the certification so provides, the registry identification card~~  
44 ~~shall contain any recommendation or limitation by the practitioner as to~~  
45 ~~the form or forms of medical cannabis or dosage for the certified~~  
46 ~~patient.~~

47 8. ~~The office shall issue separate registry identification cards for~~  
48 ~~certified patients and designated caregivers as soon as reasonably prac-~~  
49 ~~ticable after receiving a complete application under this section,~~  
50 ~~unless it determines that the application is incomplete or factually~~  
51 ~~inaccurate, in which case it shall promptly notify the applicant.~~

52 9. ~~If the application of a certified patient designates an individual~~  
53 ~~as a designated caregiver who is not authorized to be a designated care-~~  
54 ~~giver, that portion of the application shall be denied by the office but~~  
55 ~~that shall not affect the approval of the balance of the application.~~

56 10. ~~A registry identification card shall:~~

1 ~~(a) contain the name of the certified patient or the designated care-~~  
2 ~~giver as the case may be;~~

3 ~~(b) contain the date of issuance and expiration date of the registry~~  
4 ~~identification card;~~

5 ~~(c) contain a registry identification number for the certified patient~~  
6 ~~or designated caregiver, as the case may be and a registry identifica-~~  
7 ~~tion number;~~

8 ~~(d) contain a photograph of the individual to whom the registry iden-~~  
9 ~~tification card is being issued, which shall be obtained by the office~~  
10 ~~in a manner specified by the board in regulations; provided, however,~~  
11 ~~that if the office requires certified patients to submit photographs for~~  
12 ~~this purpose, there shall be a reasonable accommodation of certified~~  
13 ~~patients who are confined to their homes due to their medical conditions~~  
14 ~~and may therefore have difficulty procuring photographs;~~

15 ~~(e) be a secure document as determined by the board;~~

16 ~~(f) plainly state any recommendation or limitation by the practitioner~~  
17 ~~as to the form or forms of medical cannabis or dosage for the certified~~  
18 ~~patient; and~~

19 ~~(g) any other requirements determined by the board.~~

20 ~~11.] A certified patient [or designated caregiver who has been issued~~  
21 ~~a registry identification card shall notify the office of any change in~~  
22 ~~his or her name or address or, with respect to the patient, if he or she~~  
23 ~~ceases to have the condition noted on the certification within ten days~~  
24 ~~of such change. The certified patient's or designated caregiver's regis-~~  
25 ~~try identification card shall be deemed invalid and shall be promptly~~  
26 ~~destroyed] shall notify their practitioner of any change in their name~~  
27 ~~or address and the practitioner shall update the certification accord-~~  
28 ~~ingly.~~

29 ~~[12. If a certified patient or designated caregiver loses his or her~~  
30 ~~registry identification card, he or she shall notify the office within~~  
31 ~~ten days of losing the card. The office shall issue a new registry iden-~~  
32 ~~tification card as soon as practicable, which may contain a new registry~~  
33 ~~identification number, to the certified patient or designated caregiver,~~  
34 ~~as the case may be.~~

35 ~~13. The office shall maintain a confidential list of the persons to~~  
36 ~~whom it has issued registry identification cards. Individual identifying~~  
37 ~~information obtained by the office under this article shall be confiden-~~  
38 ~~tial and exempt from disclosure under article six of the public officers~~  
39 ~~law.~~

40 ~~14. The board shall verify to law enforcement personnel in an appro-~~  
41 ~~priate case whether a registry identification card is valid and any~~  
42 ~~other relevant information necessary to protect patients' rights to~~  
43 ~~medical cannabis by confirming compliance with this article.~~

44 ~~15.] 8. A designated caregiver who has been issued a registration~~  
45 ~~shall notify the office of any change in their name or address in a~~  
46 ~~manner determined by the office.~~

47 ~~9. If a certified patient or designated caregiver willfully violates~~  
48 ~~any provision of this article as determined by the board, [~~his or her~~]~~  
49 ~~their certification, and [~~registry identification card~~] in the case of~~  
50 ~~the designated caregiver, their registration may be suspended or~~  
51 ~~revoked. This [~~is~~] may be in addition to any other penalty that [~~may~~]~~  
52 ~~would apply.~~

53 ~~[16. The board shall make regulations for special certifications,~~  
54 ~~which shall include expedited procedures and which may require the~~  
55 ~~applicant to submit additional documentation establishing the clinical~~  
56 ~~basis for the special certification. If the board has not established~~

~~1 and made available a form for a registry application or renewal applica-  
2 tion, then in the case of a special certification, a registry applica-  
3 tion or renewal application that otherwise conforms with the require-  
4 ments of this section shall not require the use of a form.]~~

5 10. The maintenance and access of records pertaining to certif-  
6 ications, registrations, certified patients and designated caregivers  
7 shall be in compliance with the federal health insurance portability and  
8 accountability act of 1996, and with all privacy and confidentiality  
9 protections afforded to individuals under the law. Information obtained  
10 by the office under this article shall be confidential and exempt from  
11 disclosure under article six of the public officers law.

12 11. Any practitioner or registered organization authorized represen-  
13 tative or employee who is found to have knowingly and fraudulently  
14 manipulated certified patient or designated caregiver information, or  
15 whose knowing and negligent behavior or knowing actions directly related  
16 to their duties pursuant to this section results in a serious threat to  
17 the health and safety of a certified patient or patients, is guilty of a  
18 class A misdemeanor. In the case that this misdemeanor complaint has  
19 been filed against a practitioner, the board or office may additionally  
20 refer any relevant internal findings to the department of health or the  
21 state education department if the board or office concludes the  
22 violation may warrant professional disciplinary intervention.

23 § 5. The cannabis law is amended by adding a new section 32-a to read  
24 as follows:

25 § 32-a. Medical cannabis patient reciprocity. 1. Subject to the  
26 provisions of this article and the rules and regulations of the board  
27 promulgated thereunder, medical cannabis patients from other states  
28 within the United States, United States territories, commonwealths or  
29 possessions, or the District of Columbia are authorized to obtain  
30 medical cannabis or medical cannabis products from a registered organ-  
31 ization, provided such patient is deemed a certified patient or is  
32 registered as a medical cannabis patient in their home state or juris-  
33 isdiction and presents proof of such certification or registration and a  
34 valid government-issued photo identification to a registered organiza-  
35 tion. Such registered organization shall then validate such patient and  
36 dispense medical cannabis pursuant to the procedures determined by the  
37 board in regulation.

38 2. Medical cannabis patients from other states or jurisdictions of the  
39 United States who obtain medical cannabis from a registered organization  
40 in this state pursuant to subdivision one of this section shall comply  
41 with:

42 (a) all provisions of this chapter and all rules and regulations  
43 promulgated thereunder; and

44 (b) articles one hundred seventy-nine and two hundred twenty-two of  
45 the penal law.

46 3. Certified patients in New York shall be authorized to obtain  
47 medical cannabis or medical cannabis products from other states and  
48 jurisdictions of the United States in accordance with the requirements  
49 set forth by such state or other United States jurisdiction.

50 § 6. Subdivision 4 and paragraph (b) of subdivision 5 of section 34 of  
51 the cannabis law are amended to read as follows:

52 4. (a) A registered organization may lawfully, in good faith, sell,  
53 deliver, distribute or dispense medical cannabis to a certified patient  
54 or designated caregiver upon presentation to the registered organization  
55 of a valid [~~registry identification card~~] certification and valid  
56 government-issued photo identification for that certified patient or

1 designated caregiver, pursuant to section thirty-two of this article.  
2 When presented with the [~~registry identification card~~] certification,  
3 the registered organization shall provide to the certified patient or  
4 designated caregiver a receipt, which may be electronic, which shall  
5 state: the name, address, and registry identification number of the  
6 registered organization; the name and registry identification number of  
7 the certified patient and the designated caregiver, if any; the date the  
8 cannabis was sold; [~~any recommendation or limitation by the practitioner~~  
9 ~~as to the form or forms of medical cannabis or dosage for the certified~~  
10 ~~patient;~~] and the form and the quantity of medical cannabis sold. The  
11 registered organization shall retain [~~a copy~~] any copies of [~~the~~] regis-  
12 try identification [~~card~~] cards used by certified patients or designated  
13 caregivers prior to the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two  
14 thousand twenty-five that amended this paragraph and the receipt for six  
15 years following the effective date of the chapter of the laws of two  
16 thousand twenty-five that amended this paragraph and shall make such  
17 records available to the office upon request.

18 (b) The proprietor of a registered organization shall file or cause to  
19 be filed any dispensing receipt and certification information with the  
20 office by electronic means on a real-time basis as the board shall  
21 require by regulation. When filing dispensing receipt and certification  
22 information electronically pursuant to this paragraph, the proprietor of  
23 the registered organization shall dispose of any electronically recorded  
24 [~~prescription~~] information in such manner as the board shall by regu-  
25 lation require.

26 (b) When dispensing medical cannabis to a certified patient or desig-  
27 nated caregiver, the registered organization[~~+(i)~~] shall not dispense  
28 an amount greater than [~~a sixty day supply to a certified patient until~~  
29 ~~the certified patient has exhausted all but a seven day supply provided~~  
30 ~~pursuant to a previously issued certification; and (ii) shall verify the~~  
31 ~~information in subparagraph (i) of this paragraph by consulting the~~  
32 ~~prescription monitoring program registry under~~] the amounts authorized  
33 in section thirty-one of this article.

34 § 7. Subdivision 3 of section 37 of the cannabis law is amended to  
35 read as follows:

36 3. The board shall [~~report every two years, beginning two years after~~  
37 ~~the effective date of this article, to the governor and the legislature~~  
38 ~~on~~] collect data and publish information related to the medical use of  
39 cannabis under this article and make appropriate recommendations in its  
40 annual report.

41 § 8. Section 41 of the cannabis law is amended to read as follows:

42 § 41. Home cultivation of medical cannabis. 1. Certified patients  
43 [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years of age or older may cultivate cannabis for  
44 personal medical use. Designated caregivers [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years  
45 of age or older, caring for certified patients either younger than  
46 [~~twenty-one~~] eighteen years of age or whose physical or cognitive  
47 impairments prevent them from cultivating cannabis, may cultivate canna-  
48 bis for use by such patients, provided that no other caregiver is grow-  
49 ing for said patient or patients. [~~All cultivation~~] Cultivation under  
50 this section shall be in accordance with section 222.15 of the penal law  
51 and any regulations made by the board, provided that the maximum number  
52 of cannabis plants a designated caregiver is authorized to grow is  
53 proportionately increased for each patient they are growing for.

54 2. Nothing in this section shall be construed to permit any certified  
55 patient or designated caregiver to sell any cultivated cannabis produced  
56 by any cannabis plant which is or was cultivated for a certified patient

1 pursuant to this section to any other person, even if the certified  
2 patient no longer needs or wants such cannabis; provided however, a  
3 certified patient or designated caregiver shall be authorized to give  
4 such cultivated cannabis to another certified patient in the amounts  
5 authorized by section thirty-one of this article. Any certified patient  
6 or designated caregiver who is found to be selling such cultivated  
7 cannabis for compensation or other remuneration may be subject to any  
8 relevant penalties in this chapter, the penal law, and the tax law.

9 § 9. Subdivision 4 of section 42 of the cannabis law is amended to  
10 read as follows:

11 4. (a) [~~Certification applications~~] Certifications, certification  
12 forms[~~7~~] and any certified patient or designated caregiver information  
13 contained within a database[~~7, and copies of registry identification~~  
14 ~~cards~~] shall be deemed exempt from public disclosure under sections  
15 eighty-seven and eighty-nine of the public officers law. Upon specific  
16 request by a certified patient to the office, the office shall verify  
17 the requesting patient's status as a valid certified patient to the  
18 patient's school or employer or other designated party, to ensure  
19 compliance with the protections afforded by this section.

20 (b) The name, contact information, and other information relating to  
21 practitioners [~~registered with the board~~] certifying patients under this  
22 article shall be public information and shall be maintained on the  
23 board's website accessible to the public in searchable form. However, if  
24 a practitioner notifies the board in writing that [~~he or she does~~] they  
25 do not want [~~his or her~~] their name and other information disclosed,  
26 that practitioner's name and other information shall thereafter not be  
27 public information or maintained on the board's website, unless the  
28 practitioner cancels the request.

29 § 10. Article 33-A of the public health law is REPEALED.

30 § 11. The commissioner of health, the executive director of the office  
31 of cannabis management and the commissioner of education, or their  
32 designees, shall work in conjunction to expeditiously transfer any  
33 records, documents and papers of the controlled substances therapeutic  
34 research act and the Antonio G. Olivieri controlled substances therapeutic  
35 research program repealed by section ten of this act, from the  
36 department of health to the office of cannabis management and the state  
37 archives.

38 § 12. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however that  
39 sections one, two, three, four, five, six, eight and nine of this act  
40 shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law;  
41 and provided, further, that sections ten and eleven of this act shall  
42 take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become  
43 a law.